

# In the Court of Appeals of the State of Alaska

**Kevin S. Patterson,**  
Appellant,

v.

**State of Alaska,**  
Appellee.

Court of Appeals No. **A-13858**

## **Order**

Date of Order: **July 13, 2021**

Trial Court Case No. **3KN-10-00057CR**

Appellant Kevin Patterson, who currently represents himself, has asked this Court to appoint counsel to represent him at public expense. Mr. Patterson has in the recent past been represented in prior appeals at public expense by the Office of Public Advocacy, and it appears that Mr. Patterson's current appeal is related to one or more of his prior appeals. Additionally, this Court has already ruled that he may proceed in this appeal at public expense.

Because the Office of Public Advocacy has recently represented Mr. Patterson in his related appeals, it appears that the Public Defender Agency has a conflict and cannot represent him. When the Public Defender Agency is unable to represent an appellant because of a conflict of interest, representing the appellant becomes the responsibility of the Office of Public Advocacy. Therefore, it appears appropriate to appoint the Office of Public Advocacy to represent Mr. Patterson in this appeal.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. The Office of Public Advocacy is appointed to represent Mr. Patterson in this appeal. That Office is directed to promptly assign an attorney to this case and to have that attorney file an entry of appearance.

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2. Although Mr. Patterson has requested that a specific attorney be assigned to his case, it is up to the Office of Public Advocacy to determine who will represent Mr. Patterson. To assist that Office with this determination, the Appellate Clerk's Office is directed to provide the Office of Public advocacy with a copy of Mr. Patterson's request for the appointment of counsel.

Entered under the authority of Chief Judge Allard.

Clerk of the Appellate Courts

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kaitlin D'Eimon', written over a horizontal line.

Kaitlin D'Eimon, Deputy Clerk

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